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- l. The Albanian Military Academy is at Tirana. The course lasts two years, and the youngest students accepted are 16 years old. Emphasis is laid on the acceptance of students who have had two years of cadet school. The number of students is over 200. The academy controls a so-called "Pioneer school," where 10 and 11 year old youths are trained as "Pioneers." After finishing their course they go to cadet schools.
- Noncommissioned officer schools are maintained for the active NCOs of the Albanian Army at Durres and Berat. The various divisional commands maintain schools for reserve NCOs, where they are trained as officers and warrant officers. The courses generally last three months, but there are some six month courses.
- 3. A school for armored officers is maintained in Tirana. The instruction is in charge of a high officer of the Soviet armored forces and some Albanian officers who have been trained in the USSR are instructors.
- There is also a communications school at Tirana. The commander is a Czech engineer officer, who has three Soviet officers under him as instructors. Radar is also taught at this school.
- There is an aviation school at the Tirana Airfield. An air technical school is at 5. Gjinokaster, where navigators, radio men, bombardiers and mechanics are trained.
- 6. There is a naval school at Durres.
- 7. About 400 Albanian artillery officers are now studying at Kharkov in the USSR. They are expected to complete their courses this fall.

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